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Sent: Sunday, March 02, 2014 7:52 PM
To: Program Review and Investigation
Subject: HB 5369 and HB 5370

Dear Members of the Program Review and Investigations Committee,

I am writing to ask you to support HB 5369 and HB 5370. I am a volunteer at West Rock Ridge State Park for the state park system, the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, and the West Rock Ridge Association. I am also an active user of state parks and forests as a hiker. At West Rock and other state parks and forests, I see first hand the problems that occur due to chronically underfunding. At West Rock, the stone walls are crumbling, the road to Judges Cave and the South Overlook will soon need repaving, there are chronic issues with litter and graffiti at the South Overlook and Judges Cave. There are also problems with heavily eroded trails that need equipment and materials well beyond the capacity of any volunteer to handle.

These bills would provide much needed revenue to the state parks and forests. I believe the bills should go further and allow the state parks and forests to keep all the revenue generated by their operation.

Sincerely,
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